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The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts has announced that as of January 1, 2006, Judge Mark L. Wolf will succeed Judge William G. Young as Chief Judge of the Court. He will serve a statutory term of seven years, and becomes the eleventh Chief Judge of the District of Massachusetts since it became a multi-judge court in 1922.

Mark L. Wolf, 59, was appointed a United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts in 1985. A graduate of Yale College and the Harvard Law School, Judge Wolf was previously a lawyer in private practice in Washington, D.C. and Boston Massachusetts. He also served in the Department of Justice as a Special Assistant to Deputy Attorney General Laurence Silberman (1974), a Special Assistant to Attorney General Edward H. Levi (1975-1977), and Deputy United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts and Chief of the Public Corruption Unit in that office (1981-1985).

Judge Wolf received a Certificate of Appreciation from President Gerald Ford for his service in the resettlement of Indochinese refugees (1975), the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award (1984), an honorary degree from the Boston Latin School (1990), and the Boston Bar Association's Citation for Judicial Excellence (2002).

Judge Wolf serves on the United States Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules. He has previously served on its Codes of Conduct Committee (2002-2005) and Criminal Law Committee (1987-1994). He co-chairs the District Court's Judge David S. Nelson Fellowship program. Judge Wolf is also the Chairman of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship and the John William Ward Public Service Fellowship for Boston Latin School students.

Judge Wolf has taught courses on the role of the judge in a democracy at the Harvard and Boston College Law Schools. He has also lectured on this subject and human rights issues in Egypt, Cyprus, Turkey, The Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and China.

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